

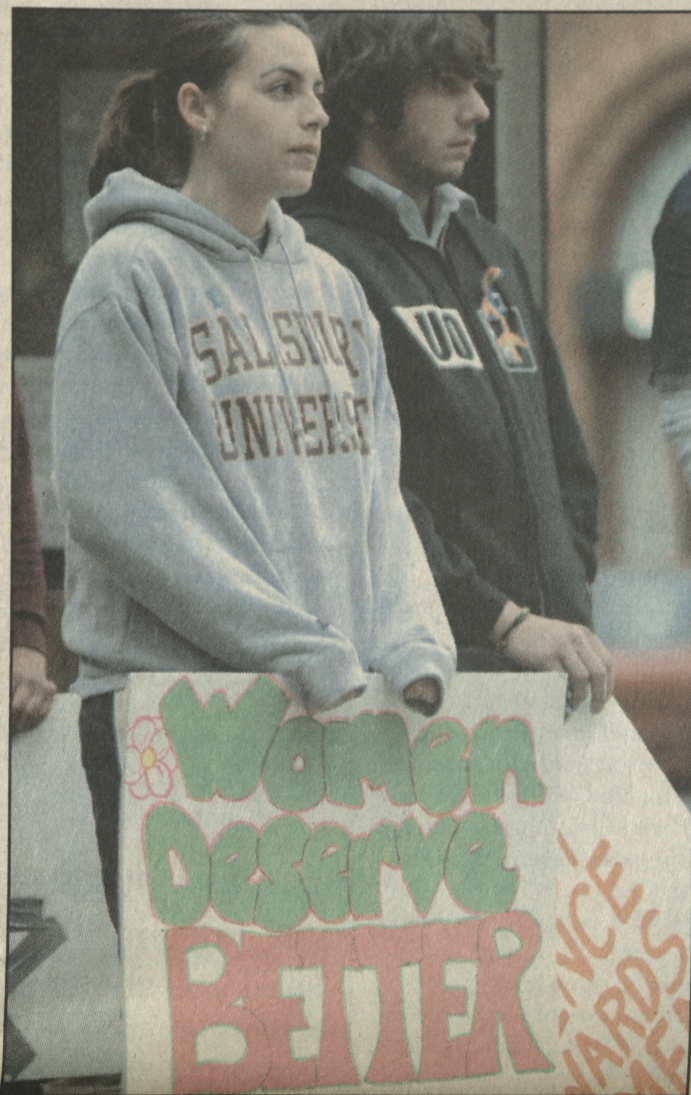
# THE FLYER

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## SUAVE helps "Take Back the Night"



Chris Baum/The Flyer  
Protestors gathered outside the Government building in downtown Salisbury.

By Sean Gossard  
Staff Writer

This year two campus groups, SUAVE (Salisbury University Against Violence Everywhere) and GOT (Girls on Top), collaborated with the Life Crisis Center of Salisbury to hold the 2nd annual Take Back the Night March in Salisbury this past Wednesday.

SUAVE is a new club on campus promoting and spreading awareness of violence in the community. GOT is another new group, and presents itself as an alternative to sororities.

"The goal of SUAVE is to make Salisbury safe for everyone by promoting activism against violence towards women," said Will Schimpf, Resident Director of Dogwood and member of SUAVE.

The march was held at the city courthouse to raise awareness of violence and sexual assault against women in honor of April being National Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

Several members of the community along with members of the Life Crisis Center and Salisbury University attended carrying signs and candles.

The area in front of the Salisbury Courthouse displayed shirts raising awareness of violence against women.

"Each shirt was made by women at the Life Crisis Center and each color represents a different type of violence they were faced with," said Dee Copeland of the Life Crisis Center. The shirts were made as part of a therapeutic

recovery program from women at the center. Participants displayed slogans such as, "Life is too short to live in pain, I deserve better."

Several speeches were made before the march and candle vigil. One of the speeches was by a woman who, along with her family, experienced these cruelties firsthand.

"These things happen in our community everyday, one in three women will be beaten, and one in five will be sexually assaulted," said Michelle Hughes, Executive Director of the Life Crisis Center, in her speech.

Speeches were also made by members of the criminal justice system and prosecuting attorneys of Salisbury.

Following the speeches, a song was sung for the victims of these crimes and then a candlelight vigil was held.

The Take Back the Night March followed the vigil and went into the twilight hours on Wednesday.

The march was led by a woman whose family member was the victim of sexual assault and followed by several dozen students and members of the community carrying signs and pickets with slogans such as "End Violence to Women NOW" and "Men Can Change" to raise awareness of sexual assault and violence.

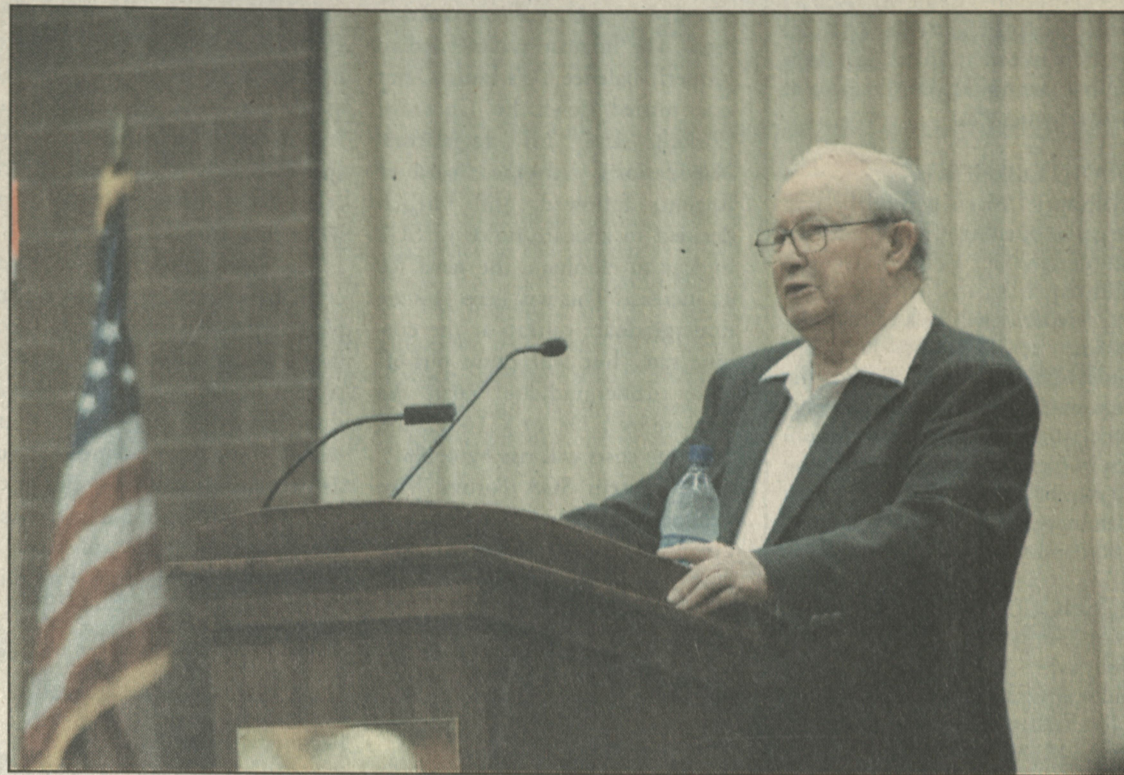
To learn more about SUAVE or GOT, visit [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu). For information about the Life Crisis Center, call their business offices at (410) 749-0632, or the 24-hour hotline at (410) 749-4357.

## "Day of Remembrance for Holocaust Victims"

By Ryan Grove  
Staff writer

The Jewish Student Association hosted two events this past week in remembrance of the Holocaust. On Holocaust Remembrance Day ("Yom HaShoah" in Hebrew), Tuesday April 25th, survivor Litman Litow spoke to the crowd in the Wicomico Room. After his speech, a brief candlelight vigil was held. On Wednesday April 26th the *The Believer* was shown in Devilbiss Hall. *The Believer* is a 2001 film inspired by a young man's journey to understand the meaning of Judaism in his life after being raised Jewish, but also participating in anti-Semitic groups.

During World War II an estimated five to seven million Jewish people were killed by Adolf Hitler and his Nazi followers throughout Germany.



## Administration warns against alternate Field Day plans

By Sarah Lake  
Staff Writer

The Board of Regents for Maryland's public universities has approved a new misconduct policy ordering expulsion as the primary punishment for students who participate in riots or other acts of aggression that occur at institution-sponsored events held on or off campus.

This policy is meant to prevent the kind of violence seen at last year's Field Day and at the University of Maryland, College Park in 2002 when students rioted after Maryland's loss to Duke University in the Men's Basketball Final Four.

According to the official policy, any misconduct that results in harm to persons or property or otherwise poses a threat to the stability of the campus or campus community such as rioting, assault, theft, vandalism, and fire setting is a violation of the code of conduct. Following a campus judicial proceeding, the responsible party or parties will be suspended or expelled and the incident will be noted on the student's transcript. Students who receive

suspension will not be permitted to attend any one of the 13 schools in the University of Maryland system for the duration of their suspension. Students who receive expulsion will not be permitted to attend a University of Maryland school for one year.

According to University Police Chief Edwin Lashley, student safety is first and foremost in the minds of the university as well as the SU police department. "We can go back as early as last year and we can find that such celebrations [at Field Day] created an atmosphere that was unsafe for students and the community in which our students reside," he said. "So the key message is to be responsible adults and when you consider assemblies in celebratory situations, just keep in mind that public safety is foremost."

Recounting last year's events, Lashley said, "It was a celebration that got out of hand. It escalated from a point of just a docile gathering to a large-scale party and the escalation was a result of the continued influence by alcohol. Here was the burning of a couch, students climbing on rooftops and

cars, and a wet t-shirt contest. These types of activities invite elements from the surrounding community that integrates with our students and as a result you have conflicts and fights. I was there when the 2002 Maryland-Duke riots broke out and I know what can happen."

SU Dean of Students Dr. Edwin Cowell stresses his concern for students who will damage their permanent records if they take part in the upcoming "Anti-Field Day" activities. "It would really hurt me deeply to think that all the good that I know our students do, whether it be on campus or beyond, could possibly be tarnished or forgotten by one single event," he said.

According to Salisbury City police Chief Allan Webster, every available unit in the county will be patrolling the Salisbury area on May 6. This includes the Maryland State Police, City Police, Fruitland Police, and SU Police. Authorities will make arrests for alcohol and noise violations. At press time, authorities stated that there is a possibility that Maryland State Police will set up sobriety check points.

Additionally, in collaboration

with State's Attorney Davis Ruark, Webster has announced that all alcohol violations will go directly to court; there will be no first offenders program. He said, "My hope is that nothing will occur. I hope students will behave appropriately. But last year, we had couches burning in the streets and dumpsters on fire. I'm not putting up with it this year."

University officials have clearly stated that whether or not Field Day returns to SU will rely solely upon the behavior of students on May 6. "It's really within their control. We hope that they exercise a good degree of thought and care about the kind of power that they have right now," said Cowell. "The focus should be graduation, moving up to finals, and ending the semester in a properly productive manner; and we want to help [them] do that...However, we are going to make sure that we are doing everything we can to help ensure that there's a safe environment to do so. What we witnessed last year was not a safe environment."

## Judge Bell addresses justice and social change

By Meredith Maguire  
Staff Writer

Maryland's Chief Judge Robert Bell spoke in Halloway's Great Hall last Tuesday about issues concerning justice and social change. His speech was part of the Salisbury University Center for Conflict Resolution's "One Person Can Make a Difference" lecture series.

"Judge Bell is a great role model and is highly respected not only in the black community, but everywhere you go," said Mary Ashanti,

President of the Wicomico County NAACP.

Bell, raised in a black community in Baltimore, was a major player during the Civil Rights Movement and in 1996 was the first African American to be appointed Chief Judge of the state's highest court. Bell became the only active judge in Maryland to have served at least four years on all four levels of the state's judiciary.

During his speech, Executive Director of the Judiciary of Maryland Rachel Wohl, interviewed

Bell.

Bell promotes Alternative Dispute Resolution, which allows the courts to use mediation and other methods to solve cases that have remain unresolved through other means.

"I think that this speech helped to raise awareness about the Conflict Resolution Center here on campus and how there is a community mediation initiative that the University can take advantage of," said Junior Jenna Caling.

Ashanti said Bell was her hero and thought, the stories told by Bell

about his background were a pleasing bonus to her night.

"It was enlightening and motivational. It shows that it can really be done," said Ashanti.

"I think his position on social change is good and I am excited to see that he is still doing what he is doing, despite his age," said junior Matt Walker, "Things he was doing when he was my age and he is still doing it now. He is trying to make the world we live in better it is very inspiring."

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## News briefs

## E-N-T-R-I-E-S

That's what organizers of the Eastern Shore Reading Council's annual Adult Spelling Bee are seeking for this year's contest, scheduled 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 9, in the Wicomico Room. Teams of five people or fewer may participate in the event, which raises funds for the council's programs, including Ready for School, Books for Babies, and annual young writers' contest the annual literacy fair and the council's scholarship program. Entry fee is \$50 per team. To submit an entry, e-mail Dr. Patricia Dean in the SU Education Department at [pkdean@salisbury.edu](mailto:pkdean@salisbury.edu) or Rachel Pritchett at [pritchett@dcpsmd.org](mailto:pritchett@dcpsmd.org). For more information call 410-543-6030 or visit the SU Web site at [www.salisbury.edu](http://www.salisbury.edu).

## GRAND OPENING

Salisbury University is celebrating the grand opening of the Center for International Education on Thursday, May 4th. A ribbon cutting ceremony will kick off the celebration at 3:30pm. President Dudley-Eschbach will attend the ceremony and address the importance of international education. Join in the festivities while enjoying international food and music and learn more about international education and where it may take you.

**MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**  
Multicultural Festival Week begins Monday, May 1, with a Multicultural Fair with international food samples and entertainment from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Devilbiss Hall Mall and Pergola. For details on all the week's activities visit <http://www.salisbury.edu/newsevents/presrel/archives/2006/041806> MC.asp.

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# SU prepares for change

By Abby Smith  
News Editor

In recent months university officials have discussed two major changes that would affect both students and faculty. The first proposed change in the form of a tuition increase has the potential to impact in and out of state students. When SU administration submitted its budget to the University System of Maryland Board of Regents, there was a proposed 4.5% increase in tuition rates. The increase was needed to properly balance SU's budget, but was turned down by Governor Ehrlich and his legislators.

Negotiations with the Board of Regents followed, and Ehrlich decided to allocate funds to SU's budget to eliminate the need for an increase. This will keep in-state undergraduate tuition at the current rate, but will cause out-of-state undergraduate costs to increase by 1.7%, or \$216.00, and graduate costs will rise by 4.4%.

At a recent SGA Forum, Vice President of Administration and Finance Grieg Mitchell characterized the tuition freeze as "Some

very good news. [These are] the very very lowest increases in fees and charges in who knows how long."

Although the budget modifications may come as a relief to some, Mitchell said that students can anticipate increased costs in the near future.

"The reality is that the increasing costs of energy will probably in the next year drive residence hall rates up. This time next year we may be looking at some more significant increases." In addition to the increased energy rates, maintenance and repairs to aging dormitories and buildings would cause fees to increase. Mitchell did not specify exactly who would experience those increased costs, or when they would occur.

This past Tuesday marked what could have been the start of a complete overhaul of the current credit-based curriculum. In the present system most classes are worth three credit hours, and labs are worth four. Each semester students typically take five classes to earn 15 credit hours. The Faculty Senate voted against adopting a course-based curriculum system in

which classes are worth four credit hours, but students would only take four classes each semester. The final vote count was 159-147.

According to faculty proponents of the change, by requiring students to take four rather than five classes, course-based systems allow students to spend more time studying and completing enrichment activities and projects. If the new system had been accepted, Salisbury would be the first University in the state system to have a course-based curriculum.

Those not in favor of the new system said that the proposal was too large a change to make and could be complicated in certain situations, such as accepting transfer students from credit-based institutions.

Although the course-based program was rejected, SU officials plan on looking at other ways to revise the university curriculum.

"...the investigation and debate of the idea has suggested various changes to the current system that we will implement in the coming years," said Provost Buchanan in a recent e-mail. "The entire process has been healthy and illustrates the

concept of shared governance in action."

The recent tuition freeze and attempt to implement the course-based curriculum system were both presented as changes that would improve the university's reputation and standing among other colleges in the University of Maryland System. In her recent State of the University address, President Janet Dudley-Eschbach announced that the Board of Regents for the University System of Maryland named SU as "one of only two 'enrollment growth institutions' within the System." This means that The University System sees unfulfilled potential and officials must find ways to bring it about. Static tuition rates and a unique curriculum would have the potential to attract new students and increase freshman enrollment, but there has been no official word yet on how administrators plan to prevent tuition from drastically increasing after next year or what will be done with the curriculum system to make it meet the guideline set out by the university system.

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# Creation vs. Design debated at symposium

By Kristen Manion  
Staff Writer

This past Saturday the Philosophy department hosted the 26th Annual Philosophy Symposium "Evolution and Design—Conflicting Views of the Universe?" in Henson Hall to debate the theory of evolution versus the theory of creationism, or intelligent design. This year's symposium was dedicated as a tribute event to the late Charles "Chuck" Fulton, benefactor of the Fulton School of Liberal Arts, of which the philosophy department is a part of. Approximately 120 students, faculty, alumni, and Salisbury community members gathered for the morning session to hear Dr. Michael Ruse of Florida State University's Philosophy department and Dr. Patrick Byrne of Boston College's Philosophy department give separate presentations on their opposing views of the matter.

In the afternoon session, Ruse, Byrne, and the audience heard three SU faculty members share their views of the creationism versus evolution issue. Assistant Director of the Honors Program Dr. Richard England, Dr. Kim Hunter,

Associate Professor of the Biology department, and Chair of the History department Dr. Maarten Pereboom responded to the morning presentations and offered their perspectives.

"This is an interesting debate, one worth talking about," said Ruse, who, in the afternoon discussion said that "I am deeply opposed to trying to find God in the world." His arguments placed emphasis on Darwin stressing that there should be a difference between secular and religious beliefs in regard to science. As he stated to Dr. Pereboom during the discussion, "As a historian, you can't say 'then a miracle happened...but what about you as a Christian?'"

He went on to state that he views the world as a complex clock, or a functioning machine, with every part having a purpose. His basic position was in support of a "purposeful intelligent design" that gave the world and all its beings a certain complexity. He also raised questions that have been expressed in school boards all across the nation, more recently in Dover, PA, about the notion of "Intelligent Design" is in fact referring to a god.

Dr. Byrne made a "kind of argument from design that is compatible with neo-Darwinism thought" and built his argument off of the concept of "wonder and inquiry in the world."

Audience members were given an opportunity to express their opinions as well, one of whom was concerned that the creationism side was underrepresented in the debate. Another member suggested that the discussion should look at the two theories from other points of view other than Judeo-Christian creationism, and look towards other religions and their creation stories. Dr. Byrne commented on this and said "The United states is a weird place, and it boggles my mind as to what kind of culture we are."

In recent years, the controversy of whether to teach evolution in schools has come to a head, with supporters of Creationism wanting to keep to a more traditional view of the world. The speakers said that this debate is not, in fact, about religion versus science, but about politics and economic power. Supporting this, Pereboom said "some people feel threatened by the advance of knowledge and pursuit of



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Dr. England, Dr. Hunter and Dr. Pereboom applaud as the first segment of the presentation came to a close.

reason." The symposium was open to the public and opened at 9:30 am Saturday morning. Following a break for lunch, the informal discussion held at 1:30 pm invited the audience members to take part in a philosophical discussion ranging from topics of the nature of evil and morality to the differences of complexity and randomness in the theory of intelligent design. The randomness was defined as a force that affects the whole world and a key to figuring out "Why," as Byrne said, "this pattern of events is the one that happened."

Lauren Kaniecki, an SU alumnus of the class of '89, had this to say about Saturday's symposium: "I think today has helped me realize how [Creationism and Evolution] are not connected, and that you can have a reasonable belief in both."

# SU celebrates diversity with Multicultural Week



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The 2006 Multicultural Festival drew students outside despite Monday's cool weather. For the 11th year vendors, musicians and food tents representing a variety of cultures set up along the pergola and across Red Square, kicking off a week of internationally diverse events. Performances by Parks Martial Arts, Keith Marks Jazz Trio, The Steel Kings and Mystic Warriors entertained students, faculty, staff and members of the community. The festivities continue 7 p.m. Tuesday with the movie *Good Kurbis, Bad Kurbis* in the Wicomico room and conclude Friday with a Cinco de Mayo celebration planned in front of Henson Hall.



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## Overheard: What do you think about the proposed curriculum changes?

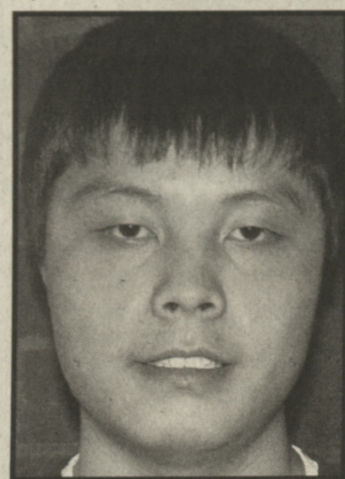
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I don't support the new curriculum.  
-Jason Hurley, sophomore



I feel that the system wasn't fully put together. How are you going to propose a change that big without having everything worked out?  
-Shanna Peeks, junior



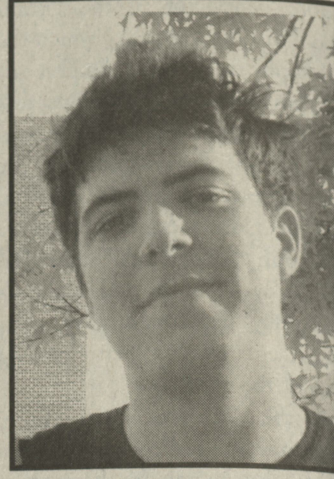
I believe that the proposed curriculum is not a good idea and would not be well supported by the student body.  
-John Reid, sophomore



I really don't care because I'm already set!  
-Steve Young, junior



I think it's good because it means less classes to take with more in-depth studies.  
-Christina Dean, sophomore



I think it's a good idea as long as it doesn't mess up people who are trying to get a double major.  
-Steve Drapalski, junior

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### Letter From the Editor

## Presidential mishap shines spotlight on Chinese Oppression

By Justin Ritter  
Editorial Editor

When the Chinese President Hu Jintao came to America to meet with US president George Bush and other US officials, disaster was inevitable. After the 21 gun salute and marching bands came and embraced the historic US-China visit, the US played the national anthem for China. Only one problem, the anthem was introduced as "the Republic of China" which is another name for Taiwan, the state that has rebelled and broken away from China. Even if the Chinese visitors overlooked this glitch, the protestor named Wang Wenyi could not have been overlooked by either the Chinese officials in attendance or by any of the millions of the watching public around the world, except in China where the protestor's speech was blacked out by Chinese news reporters.

Journalist Wang Wenyi yelled at the Chinese president saying "your days are numbered" and expressed China's horrible human rights record detailing the banning of a certain religious group called Falun Gong. Later the U.S. president

apologized to the Chinese president for the mishap, but the media and people from around the world were left with the same question. What is the Falun Gong and how are they oppressed?

The Falun Gong is an ancient mixture of Taoist, Buddhist, and an extraterrestrial philosophy that's purpose is to self-develop the mind and soul. Ever since its origin in 1992, whose founder was a man named Master Li Hongzhi, the government has disliked the belief. By 1996 the Chinese government was calling the Falun Gong a false science and in 1999 banned the practice of this religion.

Chinese followers of the Falun Gong have been murdered for practicing their beliefs. Amnesty International has given a figure of around 700 followers of the Falun Gong have been executed by the Chinese government since 1999.

Different theories have been made as to why the government is murdering members of the Falun Gong. One theory is that the Falun Gong has over 80 million members strong in China and the communist party of China only has 60 million members, so the Chinese government

feels threatened by the majority of Falun Gong followers and does not want another civil war like the Taiping Rising in the mid 1800s.

However bizarre this religion is, one thing is certain. The rights of the Falun Gong are severely abused, and even President George Bush commented about the lack of human rights during the China-US meeting earlier this month. What is even more bizarre than the religion of the Falun Gong is how the United States, protectors of peace and human rights internationally, does nothing about this issue but offer a polite suggestion to China while Iraq sees the iron fist of the US military claiming to protect their human rights.

Human rights should be protected by a global pact (not just one nation) and embark on campaigns against all violators, (regardless of what state) not just those countries which are "doable" (Cheney's statement about Iraq) at the time. If the U.S. was as truthful about protecting human rights internationally as US foreign policy portrays, then the Falun Gong issue should be higher on the national agenda.

## President is pleased for extra funding

Dear Students,

Good news! I am pleased to inform you that Salisbury University will not be raising its in-state undergraduate tuition for fall 2006. While I know that a Salisbury University education is a good value, I am aware of the challenges that many of you face in meeting educational expenses. In the future, should state funding support continue to improve, we will consider again the feasibility of minimizing tuition increases.

For our out-of-state students, the news on tuition is also positive. Non-resident Undergraduate Tuition at SU will go up next academic year by only 1.7% or \$216. SU's non-resident rate within the University System of Maryland is higher only than that of UMES and Coppin University, and at least \$1,000 less than the rest of the USM public universities. (The highest is \$20,005 at College Park.)

Making SU as accessible and affordable as possible to you and

the students who come after you is an important goal. Therefore, I am also committing additional funds for student scholarships next year to ensure that qualified students who choose SU will be financially able to enroll.

Best wishes for a successful end to the semester.

Sincerely,

Janet Dudley-Eshbach  
SU President

## ~SUDOKU~

The Rules of Sudoku

The classic Sudoku game involves a grid of 81 squares. The grid is divided into nine blocks, each containing nine squares.

The rules of the game are simple: each of the nine blocks has to contain all the numbers 1-9 within its squares. Each number can only appear once in a row, column or box.

The difficulty lies in that each vertical/nine-square column, or horizontal nine-square line across, within the larger square, must also contain the numbers 1-9, without repetition or omission.

Every puzzle has just one correct solution.

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## Student Spotlight

## Wright races for a cure

By Michael Myers  
Staff Writer

Persistence in the realm of human character and integrity is certainly an asset that can be regarded as valuable and even ideal in a person's individuality. Amanda Wright, a junior at SU, is exemplary of this persistence, which has the ability to uplift others.

Wright ventured to Perlington, Miss. to aid in the restoration of fallen Hurricane Katrina victims. Although her journey was part of a service project for Lambda Pi Eta, Wright says that she would absolutely do it again.

LPE is an honor society which accepts only students who have completed 60 credits and are in the upper 35% of their class. A communication arts major, Wright is their secretary—a prestigious

recognition—and dedicates many hours to the society.

She is also credited with assisting in the creation of *The Pulse*. She was involved, along with a few other students, in the independent study course that was responsible for initial stages and development of the publication. These involvements certainly reflect the nature of Amanda's persistence.

Yet, these involvements seem quite trivial when the concept of a human life is incorporated into Wright's life. About a year ago, Wright's cousin and close friend Carrie Smoot passed away.

Smoot was a victim of Hodgkin's lymphoma and was in the second stage of the cancer. Since Moot died, her husband has been engaging in marathons and fundraisers for a year. In memory of Smoot, Wright has taken it upon herself to

get involved with the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training.

Last St. Patrick's Day, Wright attended and participated in the Killian's Irish Red Shamrock Sports Fest in Virginia Beach in memory of her beloved cousin.

Next, Wright will be traveling to California to engage in a 13.1-mile half marathon.

As a part of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Team in Training, funds raised will be dedicated to patient care, community education, and research pertinent to these ailments.

The marathon is June 4 and fast approaching, so Wright has been preparing vigorously on the treadmill, harnessing the memories of her cousin for motivation.

Wright says there will be a pasta party prior to the festivities as well

as bands that will be jamming to further encourage participants to keep on moving in San Diego where the marathon will take place.

Although Wright's Californian marathon engagement looks quite promising, she still has a long way to go before she reaches her goal of \$4,000. The money will go to her airfare, but more importantly 75 percent will be donated to research and patient care associated with lymphoma and leukemia.

Until then, Wright will be pursuing her academic endeavors as avidly as ever. It is apparent Wright possesses an immense amount of kindness and integrity; however, her drive and dedication are what truly cause her big heart to keep giving.



Chris Baum/The Flyer

## Faculty Spotlight

## Dietician helps spread nutrition awareness

By Kristen Collins  
Staff Writer

Most people have heard of the term "freshman 15." It refers to the 15 pounds students are said to gain during their first year of college.

What most people don't know is that there is someone here who can help you maintain a healthy weight with the right diet. Kate Cerulli, the university dietician, is here to help students shed those unwanted pounds, or even to help prevent them.

Cerulli is an outgoing, personable woman. Her warm heart and open arms make her a great resource for students. For someone who will inquire as to your weight and eating habits, she is remarkably easy to talk to. "Any students with a question about nutrition or a personal dietary concern are welcome to stop in," she says. "Everything discussed remains completely confidential."

Cerulli's office is in the Link of Nations between the Commons and the GUC. Cerulli can be

found in her office on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

When Cerulli isn't in the office, one can most likely find her walking, practicing yoga, reading, knitting, painting and experimenting in the kitchen with vegetarian recipes.

"I have always been interested in food, particularly the link between nutrition and health. I enjoy helping people develop a healthier life style taking a realistic approach that emphasizes healthy foods that taste good," she explains. "Everyone needs to take charge of their own health and a great way to start is to eat right and exercise."

Cerulli isn't just here to answer diet questions. She also plays a role in what all students eat here, whether or not they go to her office. "I am also involved in the University Dining Services Festival of Food program, working with the chefs regarding menu planning and developing new smoothies for Cool Beans," says Cerulli. The next time you are enjoying a new smoothie flavor from Cool Beans, you know

who to thank.

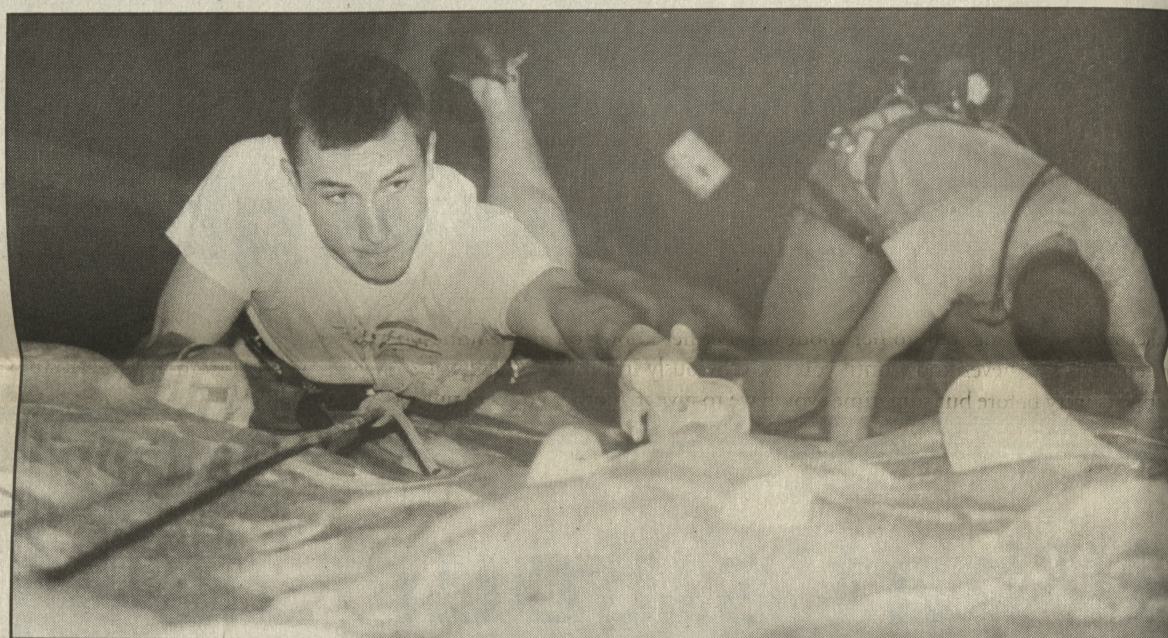
The Media, Penn. native held a similar position at the University of Delaware prior to moving to Salisbury nine years ago. She also taught nutrition at Delaware Technical and Community College. She received a bachelor's degree in dietetics and a master's in nutrition education from Drexel University.

Cerulli understands that many students are used to daily junk food consumption, but wants to help them make better, healthier habits.

"I have always been interested in food, particularly the link between nutrition and health. I enjoy helping people develop a healthier life style taking a realistic approach that emphasizes healthy foods that taste good," she explains. "Everyone needs to take charge of their own health and a great way to start is to eat right and exercise."

If you think maybe changes should be made with your eating habits or want to get help shedding a few pounds, stop in and talk with Cerulli.

## Five students climb their way to the top



Submitted Photo

Leigh Thompson reaches for another foothold as he pulls himself higher and higher on the wall.

By Carlena Mattiello  
Life and Style Editor

They scale massive walls. They dangle at extreme heights by a rope. And they love it.

On April 22, five students from the Outdoor Club traveled to Towson University in order to compete in the 4th Annual Baltimore Rampage Rock Climbing Competition.

This was the first time Brendan Harris, Matthew Polley, Chris Mentzer, Leigh Thompson and Abby Taylor entered the competition. Their sponsor Sam Gibson was

excited to see the drive and dedication the students demonstrated. "When I heard about the competition coming up I pitched it to some of our regular climbers," he recalls. "I told them I would sponsor anyone from SU that wanted to climb."

"Matt and Brendan are two very skilled climbers, so they were climbing in a higher division," he explains. "Leigh and Abby also competed in a dyno-competition where climbers see how high they can jump and control a hold."

The competitors expressed just how much they had taken from the experience. To them, it was more

than just a competition.

"I really enjoyed talking and meeting other climbers from other schools," says Mentzer. "Everyone was very friendly and very passionate towards climbing." Thompson agreed, saying "Everyone in the competition had a great attitude and pushed each other to do better rather than focusing on winning," he says.

All five climbers have a passion for the sport and believe maintaining a positive attitude and the ability to

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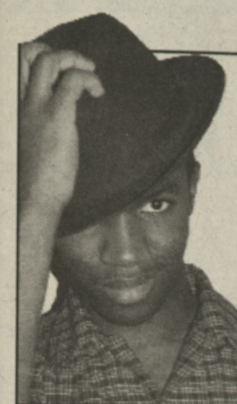
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Hi I'm not in college yet but when I was on a tour, I picked up The Flyer. I feel weird about this and I'm not sure how to go about this. I have a friend, a girl, that I've known since high school and we're both coming here next year. She's VERY flirtatious and hates being at home. She however doesn't mess with people (just yet that is) and I don't want her to become one of those freshmen girls that can't control themselves. I would hate to see her destroy herself by catching an STD by messing with guys because I care about her. She's a part of this group of friends I have and we constantly hang. Is there anything that I can do to at least help her not blow up in college?

This isn't the first time I've heard this or seen this happen. A lot of the time, they're going to have to make that decision themselves and so it will be hard to really stop them from what they want to do. If you're going to do anything, talk to her and explain that she should have fun but take serious caution as to what and where she does stuff. If she goes to parties, she shouldn't go alone. She also shouldn't walk out at night alone. It's important for her to understand her safety is at stake if she goes too far. You can't restrict her; she isn't yours to restrict. But you can explain how you feel about her and her safety along with what is to become of the future. It's important for her to have support too. If you can't get to her alone, maybe try having that group friends (if they understand and feel the same) to discuss her situation if it honestly is this bad to a point where you think that once she is free from the parents restrictions, she'll go boy crazy and party crazy. Don't be negative or yell either. I, for the most part, understand that yelling doesn't get you where you want to be because they won't listen. Just be calm, informative, and let her know you care.

Previously, I was in a situation where I missed out on a certain someone due how I ignored those feelings and decided to say "eh" to the whole thing. There was even a lot of flirting with one another. Actually, it happened twice, but this girl just broke up with her boyfriend and I realized I still like her. My question to you is, should I or should I not ignore this opportunity to see if something is there?

That's a tough one because you have to realize that it is a fresh cut. I can't say "no" because if you do like her and I say "no", then it's a lost chance. I think you need to slow it down for now but try to hang out with her. Talk to her, ask her how she's doing, talk to her about her. Let her know you are genuinely interested. You never know until you try. Obviously in this case there was an opportunity before but sometimes you have to give it another go. Let's not do the "eh" thing either. It's important to not think so lightly of everything because you'll miss the important signals that a girl might just give off. I can't say every girl with be aggressive, so you can't be passive all the time. Just jumping into things isn't good either; you may jump the opportunity to relationship because you moved to fast. Understand if she is flirting with you, looking for your attention, or sending signals, don't be blunt about the situation. Your heart will tell you what's best.

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## Chester wins '06 Spring Olympics

By Erica Tindale  
Staff Writer

This past weekend you may have been shocked to see students on campus with raw eggs stuck to their foreheads running after other students. You may have been even more surprised to see that the girls they carried on their shoulders were attempting to smash the eggs of the other pairs with rolled up newspapers.

Worry not my friend; you were simply bearing witness to one of almost 40 competitions that took place this past weekend as a part of the 12th annual Salisbury Spring Olympics, hosted by the Residence Hall Association.

From April 26 to 29, students from every dorm participated in events such as "eggbeaters," described above, in order to win the coveted title of Spring Olympics champion.

However, there is more to be said for the four-day competition than simply winning.

"I ultimately feel that this is more about fun, win or lose," explains Chester Hall Resident Director James Iwamiya. "It gives you an opportunity to meet so many new people."

Katie Byrne, president of the RHA agrees saying, "It comes at a great time of year because with the long semester coming to an end, it gives students an avenue to have some fun and not worry about school work and finals."

Each residence hall represented its own team with the exception of the single-sex traditional halls. Nanticoke was paired with Wicomico and Pocomoke was paired with Manokin. Off-campus students, faculty, staff and alumni were also encouraged to participate.

The reigning champion from last year was the Nanticoke/Wicomico duo and the other residence halls fought hard to dethrone them in events ranging from soccer, soft-



Laura Emmons/The Flyer

Students participated in the "Egg Beaters" event. The object is for the person on top to try to smash the egg on the other person's forehead without getting their teammates egg smashed first.

ball, "red light, green light" and "taboo." "Tug-of-war" is a favorite among many students and RHA members alike.

"I love 'tug-of-war' because it is the final event and everyone comes out to support their team," said Byrne. "It is great seeing everyone around the St. Martin's volleyball court, cheering their building on."

Freshman Chelsea Berrie, captain of the Manokin/Pocomoke team, also cited "tug-of-war" as one of her favorites along with "eggbeaters." She was happy to be asked by her RAs to be the building captain saying, "Since I always loved field day in school, I thought it would be fun."

This year's theme was "Ready for the Remix of 2006, Spring Olympics VII."

The opening ceremonies, hosted by Spring Olympics Committee Chair Pamela Staso, kicked off the events Wednesday night. They were followed by the newly introduced concept of a top-secret first event.

"The first event this year was an Oreo stacking competition," says

Staso. "It was meant to be something silly and fun just to get teams excited for the coming weekend."

Throughout each event, teams were given points for winning as well as for sportsmanship.

Every year the RHA tries to improve the event based on feedback from the year before. "We have already made so many improvements since last year," said Staso. "In the future I see Spring Olympics becoming bigger and greater each year."

In the end, what were the rankings? In first place, Chester; second, Nanticoke/Wicomico; third, Chesapeake; fourth, Pocomoke/Manokin; fifth, Choptank; sixth, Severn; seventh, St. Martin; eighth, Dogwood.

If you would like to get involved with RHA, their meetings are on Mondays at 9 p.m. in Henson 109. "RHA is a great way to make some great friends and have a lot of fun," urges Staso. "We will be holding elections for the 2006-2007 Executive Board soon and would love to see anyone interested."

## Rock Climb

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to any experience like this one. Taylor describes just what rock climbing means to her. "I used to aggressive skate. Rock climbing gives you the same adrenaline rush minus the injuries because of a super sweet and sexy rope," she explains. "I wanted to compete because I love the rocks and I'm super competitive and it's a very fun time."

Their drive and upbeat outlook on the competition helped these self-motivated students bring home three awards. Mentzer won third place, Thompson receiving first, in the Men's Beginner. Taylor won first place in the Women's Beginner.

However, the climbers say their favorite part of the competition was the bet they made with Gibson.

"Sam said if anyone made it to finals he'd sport whatever mustache we wanted," Thompson says. "So for the next week, he'll be seen around campus wearing the Hulk Hogan look."

Polley addressed an issue that hit a little closer to home. He says the SU climbing wall has been his project for a while now. "With a lot of help from Sam Gibson, we were able to take the wall that was never used and have it open Monday and Wednesday from 9-11 p.m.," he says. Polley was also able to raise funds to renovate the wall, adding several new holds. "Hopefully this will get the ball rolling and [SU] will have a climbing facility like Towson one day," Polley says.

In the end, everyone was happy with the trip and all agree it was worth every second. Gibson expressed that he couldn't be more pleased with his competitors. "Everyone climbed excellently and put in a great effort," he says. "We hope to return again next year and put in another great showing!"

Still, Mentzer's final thought says it all. "This was my first climbing competition and I will truly never forget it."

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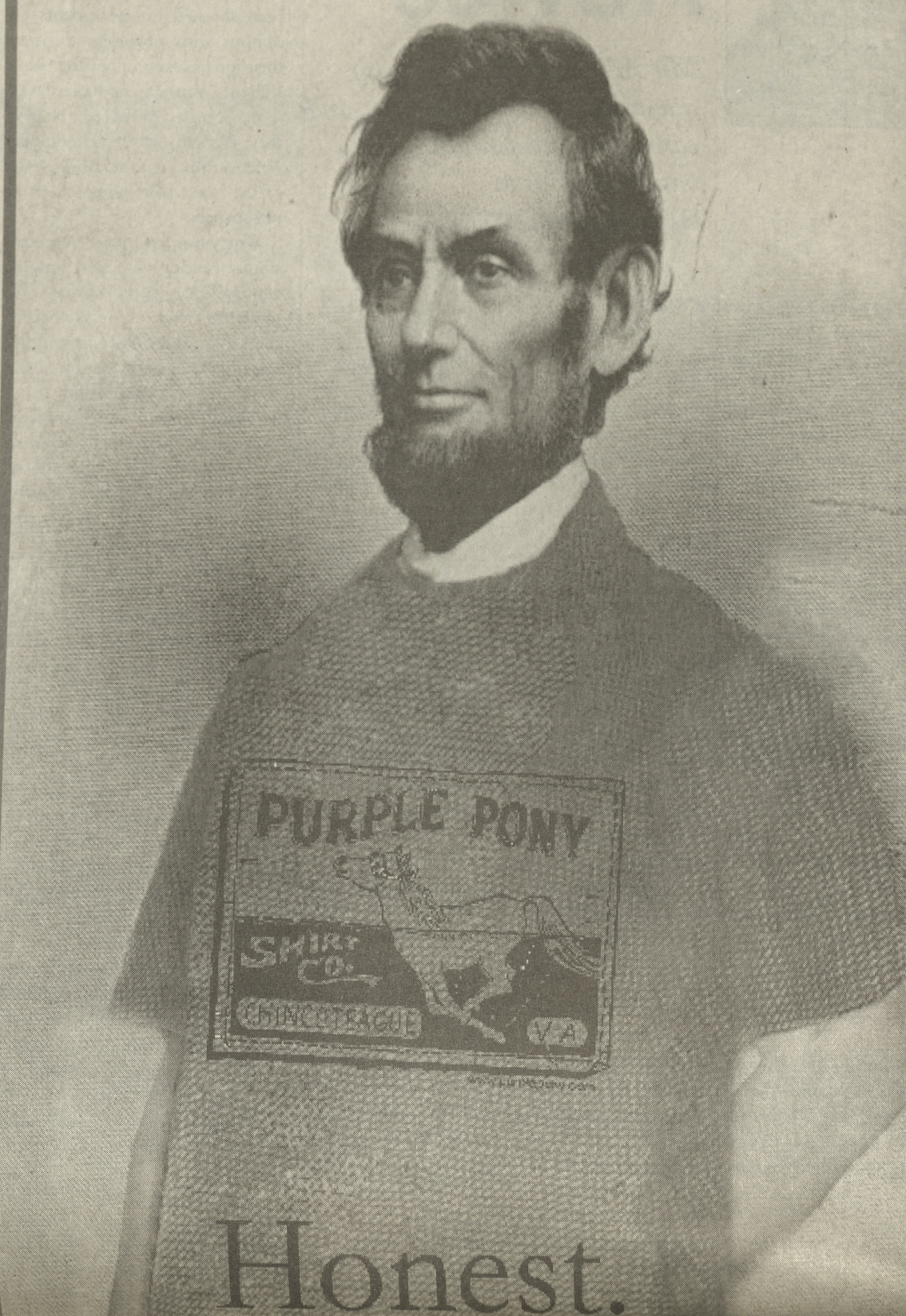
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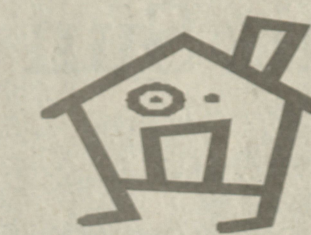
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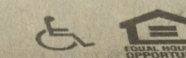
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## Records fall as Sea Gulls fly high

By Dustin Holt  
Staff Writer

The Salisbury baseball team defeated Christopher Newport University 13-7 Sunday afternoon on Senior Day at Sea Gull Field. Senior shortstop Greg Lemon and senior first baseman Nick Pegelow broke the all-time walk and hits record, respectively. Salisbury starter Bryan Brainer went five innings allowing only two runs for his fifth win of the year.

Lemon opened the game with a single and advanced to second on a throwing error. Senior left fielder Jason Lively's sacrifice bunt moved Lemon over to third. Junior center fielder Colin Kraus smoked a single through the box to bring home Lemon to tie the score at 1-1.

The Sea Gulls jumped ahead in the second, adding two more runs. Junior catcher Pete Callahan started the inning with a double to the left center field gap. Junior third baseman Alex Vitale placed a perfect bunt on the turf, allowing him to reach first safely and Callahan to advance. Senior Matt Foster brought Callahan in with a fielder's choice ground out. Vitale then scored on a line drive single to right field by sophomore second baseman Mark Bostwick, giving Salisbury a 3-1 lead.

The inning was historic as Lemon walked, giving him 91 career bases on balls, breaking a tie with Dave Funk from the class of 1979 for sole possession of first place on the SU all-time list.

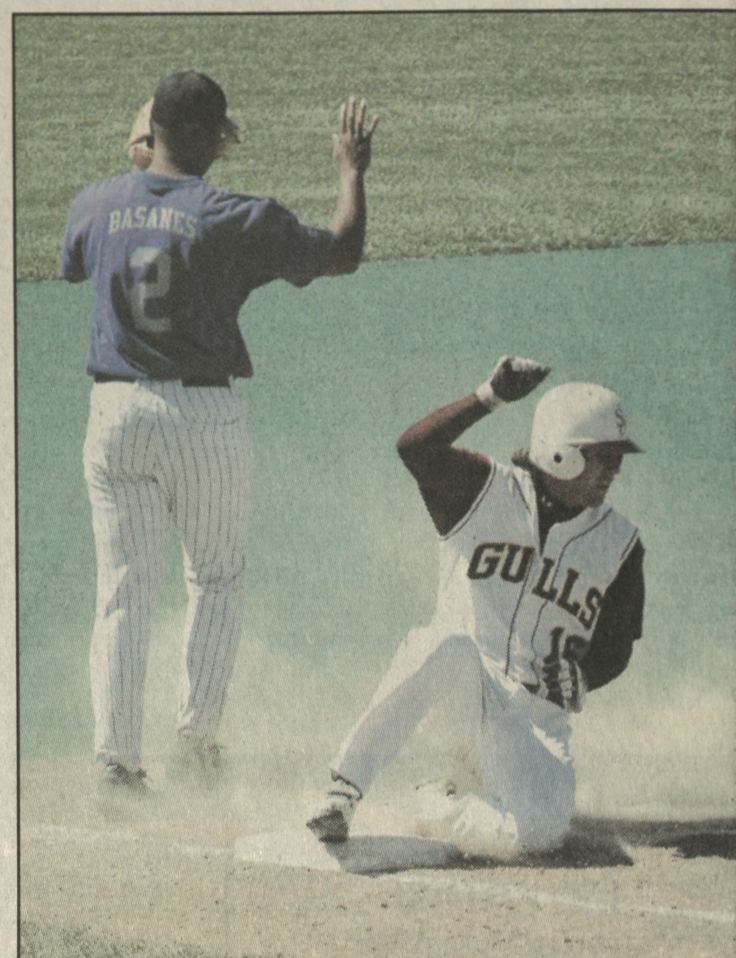
After the Captains added a run in the fifth, Salisbury answered with three of their own in their half of the inning. The Sea Gulls were helped on a throwing error by the CNU pitcher. The inning also saw Pegelow tie the career hits mark for Salisbury University with a single to center.

After CNU cut the Gulls' lead to two in the 7th, Salisbury countered with a five-run rally in the bottom of the inning. Vitale singled and was followed by two Sea Gull walks. Lemon flied out to left, bringing Vitale home on the sacrifice fly for the seventh run of the game. After an out and a Kraus single, Pegelow stepped up to the plate with the bases loaded and tied for first on the all-time hit list. On the first pitch, Pegelow hit a rocket off the right center field fence scoring all three runners and passing Jason Ewing, class of 2002,

for the all-time Salisbury career lead in hits at 233. Junior right fielder Andrew Jensen then singled home Pegelow for an 11-4 lead.

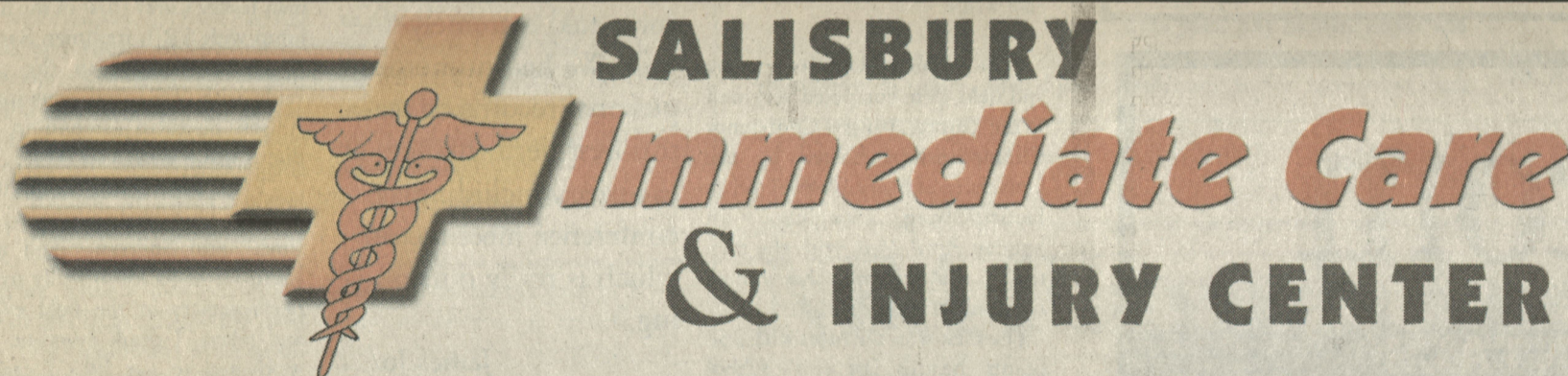
In the eighth, junior pitcher Dan Oleynik got out of a one out bases loaded jam with a pop up and a ground out. The Sea Gulls added two more runs in the bottom of the inning when Vitale scored on a double and Lively singled home Lemon from second base.

The win puts Salisbury at 34-6 as they tune up for the NCAA Regional Tournament.



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Greg Lemon slides into third, during SU's game against Christopher Newport on Saturday.



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